

# MONTANA ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

April 2003

## UNEMPLOYMENT BY COUNTY

*Not seasonally adjusted*

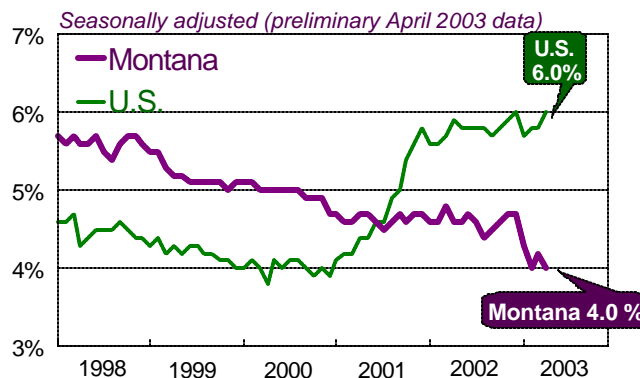
	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2003*
UNITED STATES	5.7%	5.8%
MONTANA	4.7%	4.0%
Cascade **	4.3%	3.4%
Missoula **	3.8%	3.4%
Yellowstone **	3.4%	2.6%
Beaverhead	3.5%	3.6%
Big Horn	14.5%	14.3%
Blaine	7.0%	4.9%
Broadwater	3.3%	3.6%
Carbon	4.4%	3.1%
Carter	2.1%	2.0%
Chouteau	3.0%	1.7%
Custer	3.0%	2.7%
Daniels	3.7%	2.7%
Dawson	2.6%	1.9%
Deer Lodge	6.0%	4.6%
Fallon	3.5%	2.2%
Fergus	4.5%	4.0%
Flathead	6.4%	5.3%
Gallatin	2.7%	2.6%
Garfield	2.7%	2.6%
Glacier	9.8%	10.1%
Golden Valley	4.6%	6.7%
Granite	9.6%	8.0%
Hill	3.7%	3.1%
Jefferson	4.1%	3.2%
Judith Basin	5.0%	4.2%
Lake	8.3%	6.2%
Lewis & Clark	3.9%	3.3%
Liberty	2.1%	2.8%
Lincoln	14.5%	16.3%
McCone	2.0%	3.2%
Madison	4.2%	4.2%
Meagher	7.1%	5.3%
Mineral	10.8%	8.4%
Musselshell	7.1%	6.0%
Park	4.7%	4.2%
Petroleum	4.1%	2.4%
Phillips	5.5%	4.0%
Pondera	4.3%	3.9%
Powder River	2.5%	3.0%
Powell	5.6%	5.6%
Prairie	3.8%	2.6%
Ravalli	4.6%	4.7%
Richland	6.2%	4.8%
Roosevelt	7.3%	5.5%
Rosebud	5.8%	5.6%
Sanders	10.4%	8.9%
Sheridan	3.8%	3.5%
Silver Bow	4.9%	4.2%
Stillwater	3.3%	2.2%
Sweet Grass	3.4%	2.9%
Teton	3.4%	2.9%
Toole	2.8%	3.0%
Treasure	3.6%	4.0%
Valley	3.7%	2.8%
Wheatland	6.7%	3.8%
Wibaux	4.7%	4.0%

\*April 2003 rate preliminary

\*\* Cascade=Great Falls MSA  
Missoula=Missoula MSA  
Yellowstone=Billings MSA

## APRIL 2003 HIGHLIGHTS

### Unemployment



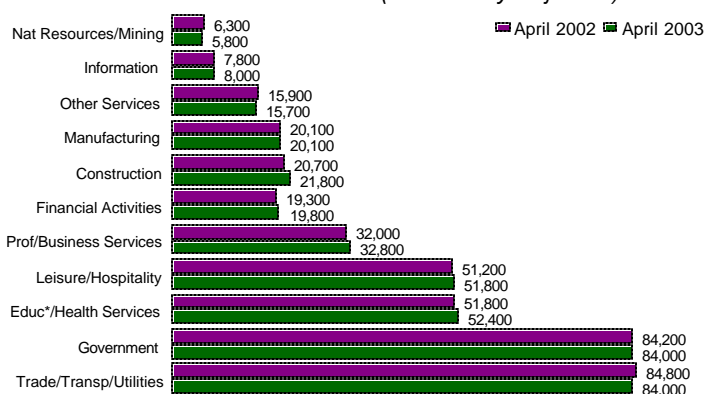
Montana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continues to be lower than the U.S. rate. The state's April unemployment of 4.0 percent was 2.0 percentage points lower than the nation's.

### Earnings

Average weekly earnings for Montana's private sector production workers were up 4.3 percent over the year in April, outpacing the 2.2 percent over-the-year increase in U.S. inflation.

### Nonag Payroll Employment

*Montana Jobs (Seasonally Adjusted)*



\*Private educational services. (Public education is included in the government sector.)

Montana's seasonally-adjusted, nonagricultural payroll employment was up about 2,100 jobs (0.5 percentage points) over the year in April. The largest over-the-year gains were in construction, professional & business services, leisure & hospitality and private education & health services.

## CENSUS 2000

### Montana's population 65 years and over

Census 2000 information shows Prairie County has the highest percentage of residents age 65 and over, and Gallatin has the lowest.

County	2000 population	65 & over	65 & over
U.S.	281,421,906	34,991,753	12.4%
Montana	902,195	120,949	13.4%
Highest percentage 65 & older			
Prairie	1,199	289	24.1%
Sheridan	4,105	967	23.6%
Daniels	2,017	475	23.5%
Wibaux	1,068	230	21.5%
Fergus	11,893	2,364	19.9%
Lowest percentage 65 & older			
Gallatin	67,831	5,770	8.5%
Big Horn	12,671	1,089	8.6%
Rosebud	9,383	833	8.9%
Glacier	13,247	1,221	9.2%
Missoula	95,802	9,585	10.0%

For more information, visit the Montana Census and Economic Information Center website at <http://ceic.commerce.state.mt.us>.

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## MONTANA'S HIGHEST & LOWEST PAYING OCCUPATIONS

	2000 Jobs	2010 Job Estimates	2001 Median Hourly Wage	Training Level Required*
<b>10 Highest-Paying Occupations in Montana</b>				
Family & General Practitioners	745	874	\$61.59	1
Internists, General	101	122	\$60.24	1
Pediatricians, General	32	38	\$58.16	1
Anesthesiologists	23	28	\$45.13	1
Real Estate Brokers	2,617	3,450	\$40.21	8
Chief Executives	1,689	1,978	\$36.80	4
Petroleum Engineers	39	45	\$36.18	5
Computer Hardware Engineers	123	197	\$34.21	5
Securities, Commodities & Financial Services Sales Agents	1,187	1,416	\$32.21	5
Air Traffic Controllers	73	76	\$32.00	9
<b>10 Lowest-Paying Occupations in Montana</b>				
Waiters & Waitresses	7,017	8,398	\$6.29	11
Dishwashers	2,557	2,409	\$6.29	11
Cooks, Fast Food	3,467	3,564	\$6.36	11
Dining Room & Cafeteria Attendants & Bartender Helpers	1,125	1,134	\$6.38	11
Manicurists & Pedicurists	70	84	\$6.52	7
Ushers, Lobby Attendants & Ticket Takers	242	302	\$6.53	11
Chefs & Head Cooks	467	529	\$6.55	7
Amusement & Recreation Attendants	789	1,160	\$6.56	11
Service Station Attendants	458	490	\$6.56	11
Food Batchmakers	66	64	\$6.64	11

\* Training Level Required: 01 First professional degree, 02 Doctoral degree, 03 Master's degree, 04 Work experience plus degree, 05 Bachelor's degree, 06 Associate degree, 07 Postsecondary vocational training, 08 Work experience in a related occupation, 09 Long-term on-the-job training, 10 Moderate-term on-the-job training, 11 Short-term on-the-job training.

• Informational wage information just released by the Research and Analysis Bureau shows higher-paying occupations generally require more training than lower-paying occupations.

• To find out more about occupations—job opening estimates, wages and general training requirements—visit the Research and Analysis Bureau website at <http://rad.dli.state.us/>.